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REGIONAL OFFICE WEEKLY REPORT

ON THE OCCASION OF D-DAY, LET US ALL HOPE AND PRAY THAT THIS TERRIBLE CONFLICT WILL BE BROUGHT TO A RAPID AND SUCCESSFUL CLOSE, AND THAT ALL OF OUR MEN WILL SOON BE ON THEIR WAY HOME.

INFORMATION THIS WEEK FROM THE BRANCH OFFICE IN WASHINGTON REVEALED THAT THE WESTERN AREA WILL ESTABLISH HEADQUARTERS IN BAKERSFIELD, CALIFORNIA. THE WRITER IS DEPARTING FOR THAT CITY THE END OF THIS WEEK TO INVESTIGATE THE SPACE SITUATION AND COMPLETE PRELIMINARY DETAILS TO EFFECT THE MOVE. INDICATIONS ARE PREVALENT THAT THE HOUSING SITUATION IS ALSO VERY ACUTE IN BAKERSFIELD, SO WE WILL PROBABLY ALL EXPERIENCE ANOTHER PERIOD OF LOOKING AND HOPING THAT WE WILL FIND A PLACE IN WHICH TO LIVE.

REGIONAL OFFICE ACTIVITIES DURING THE WEEK CONSISTED OF COMPLETING SOME OF OUR SEASONAL OPERATIONS, PREPARING BUDGET ESTIMATES TO MEET OUR NEEDS FOR THE COMING SEASON AND EXPLORING THE POSSIBILITY OF OBTAINING SUFFICIENT EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES TO PLACE OUR NEW OFFICE IN OPERATION.

QUOTATIONS FROM FIELD OFFICE WEEKLY REPORTS

BAKERSFIELD - WEATHER CONDITIONS THIS WEEK HAVE BEEN VARIABLE WITH WARM SUNSHINY DAYS THE EARLY PART OF THE WEEK TO SEVERAL UNUSUALLY COOL DAYS THE LATTER PART OF THE WEEK. FARMERS WERE MUCH ENCOURAGED BY THE WARMER WEATHER AS THE COTTON CROP WAS SHOWING SOME IMPROVEMENT, HOWEVER, MOST REPORTS STILL INDICATE THE CROP AS BEING TWO TO THREE WEEKS BEHIND SCHEDULE. IT IS FELT, THOUGH, THAT THIS CONDITION CAN BE EASILY OVERCOME BY A GOOD STRETCH OF HOT WEATHER. OUR SAMPLE ROOM WAS INACTIVE DURING THE ENTIRE WEEK WITH THE EXCEPTION OF SOME PRACTICE CLASSING, AS NO SAMPLES OF ANY TYPE WERE RECEIVED FOR CLASSIFICATION. OFFICE ACTIVITY WAS AT A MINIMUM WITH ONLY ROUTINE WORK BEING CARRIED ON. VISITS TO MOST GINS IN THE VALLEY ARE BEING PLANNED IN THE NEAR FUTURE FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISCUSSING THE PROPOSED CARD SYSTEM FOR ORGANIZED COTTON IMPROVEMENT GROUPS TO BE ADOPTED IN 1945. PRACTICALLY ALL FIRMS IN THIS AREA REPORT NO BUSINESS BEING TRANSACTED. ALTHOUGH SOME FEW INQUIRIES FOR THE HIGHER GRADES WERE RECEIVED, THE PRICES OFFERED FAILED TO ELICIT ANY BUSINESS. LIGHT INQUIRIES WERE RECEIVED FROM EASTERN AND SOUTHEASTERN MILLS.....DIXON.

EL PASO - THE WEATHER REMAINS FAIRLY GOOD FROM A COTTON GROWING STANDPOINT. HOWEVER, WE ARE STILL HAVING SOME COOL NIGHTS FOR THIS TIME OF THE YEAR. COTTON IS MAKING FAIR PROGRESS, AND CHOPPING IS UNDER WAY. OUR SMALL ACREAGE OF SXP IS REPORTED TO BE MAKING BETTER PROGRESS THAN OUR UPLAND COTTON. THE REPORT OF 1,000 ACRES BEING HAILED OUT IN EL PASO AND HUDSPETH COUNTIES SEEMS TO HAVE BEEN EXAGGERATED, AND THE DAMAGE PROBABLY WILL NOT EXCEED OVER HALF OF THE AMOUNT FIRST REPORTED. WE ARE MAKING GOOD PROGRESS ON THE S.D. SIGN-UP FOR THE COMING SEASON, AND FROM ALL REPORTS IT LOOKS LIKE WE WILL HAVE AROUND 100% COOPERATION ON THE NEW FORM-1 COMBINATION TAG. WE HAVEN'T HAD ANY OF THE SXP PRODUCERS CALL ON US FOR CLASS CERTIFICATES ON THE 183 POINTS EXTRA PAYMENT WHICH THE C.C.C. IS MAKING TO SXP GROWERS ON THE 1943 CROP. THE WORD HAS BEEN PASSED AROUND AND THE EL PASO COUNTY AGENT HAS INSERTED A PIECE IN THE LOCAL PAPERS, BUT THE COUNTY COMMITTEE HAS NOT AS YET RECEIVED THE BLANK FORMS. WE EXPECT TO HAVE TO ISSUE CLASS CERTIFICATES ON AROUND 4,000 BALES UNDER THIS PROGRAM. WE ARE EXPECTING MR. J. R. KENNEDY TODAY, BUT AT THE PRESENT WRITING HE HAS NOT PUT IN AN APPEARANCE. WE WISH HIM SUCCESS IN HIS NEW UNDERTAKING. 1ST LT. F. B. CRUMLEY, U. S. ARMY, WHO IS ON MILITARY LEAVE FROM THE MEMPHIS OFFICE, PAID US A LONG VISIT THIS WEEK. MR. CRUMLEY IS HERE IN BEAUMONT HOSPITAL UNDER TREATMENT, AND EXPECTS TO UNDERGO A MAJOR OPERATION SOON AND STATED THAT IN ALL PROBABILITY HE WOULD BE DISCHARGED AFTER HIS SOJOURN IN THE HOSPITAL. THE BASIS IS REPORTED AROUND 25 POINTS WEAKER AND TRADING IN THIS MARKET IS PRACTICALLY AT A STANDSTILL. INQUIRIES ARE REPORTED TO BE MORE NUMEROUS BUT THESE HAVE RESULTED IN VERY LITTLE NEW BUSINESS.....NISBETT.

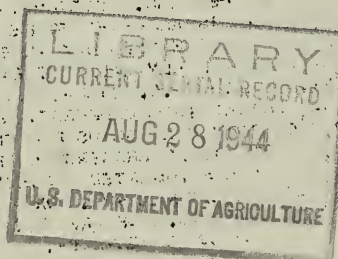
PHOENIX - FAIR, OPEN WEATHER PREVAILED THE PAST WEEK. COTTON PLANTING IS COMPLETED, AND APPROXIMATELY FIFTY PERCENT HAS BEEN CHOPPED. THE PLANT HAS BEEN MAKING GOOD PROGRESS THE PAST TEN DAYS, AND ALTHOUGH THE CROP IS ABOUT THREE WEEKS LATE AT THE PRESENT WRITING, IT IS THOUGHT THAT PART OF THIS TIME WILL BE GAINED BACK IN THE NEXT TWO MONTHS. THIS IS THE FIRST WEEK SINCE THE SEASON STARTED THAT WE HAVE NOT CLASSED ANY COTTON, AND IT APPEARS THAT THIS PHASE OF OUR

WORK IS OVER UNTIL THE NEW CROP BEGINS TO MOVE, WHICH WILL BE ABOUT THE FIRST OF SEPTEMBER. WE REGRET TO LEARN OF THE RESIGNATION OF MR. JAMES R. KENNEDY, AND FEEL THAT THE DEPARTMENT HAS LOST THE SERVICES OF A VERY VALUABLE MAN. WE WERE GLAD TO LEARN ALSO THAT MR. MCCULLOM WAS SELECTED TO FILL THE VACANCY CREATED BY MR. KENNEDY, AND WE ARE CONFIDENT HE WILL BE SUCCESSFUL IN THIS OFFICE. THE COTTON MARKET CONTINUES DORMANT. A FEW INQUIRIES HAVE BEEN RECEIVED BY THE SHIPPERS, BUT THE PRICES HAVE NOT BEEN HIGH ENOUGH TO ENABLE THEIR BUYING ANY EQUITIES OR COTTON FROM THE PRODUCERS.....CRITTENDON.

LOS ANGELES - THE WEATHER HAS BEEN VERY CLOUDY AND FOGGY FOR THE PAST WEEK, A FEW TRACES OF RAIN AND PRACTICALLY NO SUNSHINE. TEMPERATURES HAVE RUN BETWEEN 50 AND 72 DEGREES. PRODUCTION HAS BEEN VERY LOW DURING THE PAST WEEK, DUE TO LACK OF ORDERS FOR IMMEDIATE SHIPMENT AND A SHUTDOWN IN THE FLAME-PROOFING DEPARTMENT FOR CHANGES IN THE FLAME-PROOFING EQUIPMENT. TOTAL PRODUCTION ONLY ABOUT 6,500 NET POUNDS. SHIPMENTS MADE SINCE LAST WEEKLY REPORT HAVE TOTALED 16,665 NET POUNDS, BRINGING THE TOTAL SHIPMENTS TO DATE ON 1944 ALLOTMENT TO 118,019 NET POUNDS.....DORR.

COTTON CLASSED, WESTERN AREA, THROUGH JUNE 2, 1944.

	WEEK	SEASON						
	TOTAL	CROP	O.G.	FORM A	LOAN	FUTURES	OTHERS	TOTAL
BAKERSFIELD	NONE		327,108	3201			958	331,267
EL PASO	NONE		175,327	760			4065	180,152
PHOENIX	NONE		122,946	192	292		5525	128,955
TOTAL	NONE		625,381	4153	292		10548	640,374



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